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TOWN OFFICERS, 1897.

CLERK.

NEWELL P. HASKELL.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE.

JAMES M. THOMPSON.

REUEL W. FOGG.

TREASURER.

SETH F. SWEETSIR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HERBERT L. BERRY.

L. L. WHITMAN.

GEO. W. HATCH.

LEWIS E. JORDAN.

MRS. J. M. STURGIS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN I. STURGIS.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

SETH F. SWEETSIR.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The annual reports of the town officers of New Gloucester for the year ending March 14, 1898, are herewith submitted.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation of real estate for year 1897,	\$445,295 00
Valuation of personal estate for year 1897,	475,382 00
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Total,	\$920,677 00

Number of polls assessed, 307. Poll tax, \$2.50. Rate of taxation, .012 on \$1.00.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$2,636 48	
County tax,	1,240 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,876 48
Support of schools,	\$1,600 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00	
Repair of roads and bridges,	2,500 00	
Repair of school property,	400 00	
To keep cemeteries in repair,	75 00	
To increase and support the public library,	372 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
To complete and paint library building,	175 00	
To purchase town team,	800 00	
For providing additional recitation room at Upper Gloucester,	100 00	
To pay outstanding interest orders,	475 00	
Amount of overlay,	389 65	
Supplemental tax,	31 30	
	<hr/>	\$7,967 95
Total amount committed to collector,		<hr/> \$11,844 43

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from March 8, 1897, to
 March 2, 1898, as per Treasurer's report,
 amount to \$15,379 47

EXPENDITURES.

The amounts paid from the treasury for the year ending
 March 2, 1898, have been as follows :

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1896.

Paid J. W. True, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$61 50	
J. M. Thompson, selectman, assessor, etc.,	65 00	
R. W. Fogg, selectman, assessor, etc.,	43 50	
J. I. Sturgis, supervisor of schools,	75 00	
S. F. Sweetsir, collector for 1896,	221 96	
S. F. Sweetsir, services as constable,	10 00	
N. P. Haskell, town clerk,	5 00	
M. C. Clark, ballot clerk,	4 00	
H. M. Harmon, ballot clerk,	4 00	
George B. Nelson, ballot clerk,	4 00	
L. C. Berry, ballot clerk,	4 00	
W. L. Shurtleff, secretary board of health,	8 25	
A. H. Merrill, services on board of health,	5 00	
P. A. Collier, constable, 1896,	2 88	
H. G. Mank, chairman Library Building Committee,	25 00	
J. M. Thompson, member Library Building Committee,	3 75	
Trustees New Gloucester School Fund,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$555 84

TOWN FARM.

Paid Emery S. Swan, Agent,	\$350 00	
William H. Dumphe, set double harnesses,	40 00	
F. M. Thayer, for testing cows on town farm,	3 03	
	<hr/>	\$393 03

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Town of Sumner, for medical attendance for family of George W. Berry,	\$90 50
Town of Sumner, for clothing for family of George W. Berry,	7 90
Town of Sumner, for provisions for George W. Berry and family,	6 26
Town of Poland, for clothing for family of Susan Carpenter,	10 00
Town of Raymond, for medical attend- ance on family of G. W. Berry,	6 00
Town of Mechanic Falls, for medical attend- ance on family of George F. Berry,	41 75
Supplies furnished George F. Berry and family,	9 50
Lafayette Tenney, for board and care of J. A. Verrill to December 18, 1897,	100 00
Mrs. O. H. Marsh, for board and care of Parsons Jordan to March 4, 1898,	80 25
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Parsons Jordan,	3 25
W. A. Reed, for supplies furnished Clarissa Berry,	8 15
N. P. Haskell, for clothing for Clarissa Berry,	4 06
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Clarissa Berry,	6 50
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Cyrus Berry,	4 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Joseph Verrill,	37 00
Walter Brackett, for supplies furnished Joseph Verrill,	5 00
N. P. Haskell, for clothing for Sawyer Harris,	2 15
Hancock & Clark, for clothing for Dexter Berry,	7 00

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Jabez Carpenter,	\$4 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Henry Verrill,	7 50	
Town of Winslow, for supplies furnished Mrs. H. O. Spaulding,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$450 77

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Walter Brackett, for supplies furnished the May family,	\$39 40	
N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished James May,	3 00	
W. A. Reed, for supplies furnished James May,	5 08	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of James May,	15 75	
Starbird & Bennett, for supplies furnished Charles May,	6 45	
N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished Charles May,	4 60	
W. A. Reed, for supplies furnished Charles May,	4 50	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Charles May,	20 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Silas May, Jr.,	15 50	
W. A. Reed, for supplies furnished Silas May, Jr.,	1 50	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Orville May,	11 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Melville May,	47 00	
Dr. G. A. Ellenwood, for medical attendance on the family of Melville May,	6 25	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Silas May,	3 00	
N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished Silas May,	10 00	

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance for Eliza J. Edwards,	\$8 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance for Thomas Nolan,	1 75	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of John Robbins,	2 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Melville Hodgkins,	77 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Fred Edwards,	3 00	
P. A. Collier, for taking Greeley Farrar to town farm,	1 50	
N. P. Haskell, for supplies furnished Timothy Berry,	8 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Dorcas Edwards,	3 00	
J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay for transportation of Dorcas Edwards to Portland,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 28

INMATES OF INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid for board and clothes for Thomas J. Brackett,	\$133 30	
Paid for board and clothes for E. G. Titcomb,	148 14	
	<hr/>	\$281 44

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

Paid for board and clothes for Edward Verrill,	\$39 00
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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Annie R. Merrill, for support,	\$10 00
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STATE AID.

Paid Clarissa Berry,	\$24 00
H. H. Sawyer,	24 00
T. J. Andrews,	24 00
J. P. Johnson,	48 00
Timothy Berry,	60 00

Paid Benjamin Davis,	\$24 00	
William B. Cook,	24 00	
Washington Cash,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$276 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid J. G. Bennett, for painting hearse,	\$7 00
N. P. Haskell, for recording births and deaths,	7 05
Dr. S. A. Vosmus, for returning four birth certificates for 1896,	1 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for returning births and deaths,	8 75
E. G. True, for recording births and marriages, and services as town clerk for the year 1895,	10 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, for books and stationery,	25 00
Heath & Andrews, fees for counsel in pauper case,	1 50
J. A. Tufts, for two cords of wood for town-house,	7 50
Lewiston Journal, for printing town reports,	39 00
Dr. S. A. Vosmus, for returning certificates of births and deaths for 1897,	1 75
G. Fred Murch, for recording deed for library lot,	50
H. R. Millett, for insurance on library and books,	139 50
Cook, Everett & Pennell, for paint for town buildings,	55 64
N. P. Haskell, for express on town reports,	75
B. D. Weymouth, for painting on town-house,	14 30
Alonzo Stevens, for painting on town-house,	29 03
James Stevens, for painting on town-house,	18 33

Paid N. P. Haskell, paint for town-house,	\$36 83
W. Jordan & Co., lumber for guide boards,	1 50
Starbird & Bennett, paint for guide boards,	2 21
Frank Cummings, for painting and putting up guide boards,	20 25
George D. Field, for painting and putting up guide boards,	15 40
Lyman Winslow, for damage for sheep by dogs,	12 00
Edward Edwards, for damage for sheep by dogs,	5 00
J. W. True, for incidental expenses for year 1897,	2 92
J. M. Thompson, for incidental expenses for year 1897,	7 75
Reuel W. Fogg, for incidental expenses for year 1897,	6 35
C. N. Fogg, for cash advanced to pay for box in safe deposit vault for school fund,	4 64
M. W. Bennett, for care of town clock for 1896,	6 55
M. W. Bennett, for care of town clock for 1897,	8 00
M. W. Bennett, for supplies bought for town-house and library,	9 42
M. W. Bennett, for care of town-house to March 1, 1898,	31 50
M. W. Bennett, for opening hall for Geo. E. Whitman Post,	3 50
M. W. Bennett, for care of library to March 1, 1898,	40 00
Timothy Berry, for taking bodies of children of Thomas Verrill, Jr., to cemetery in Poland,	2 00
S. F. Hilton, for attending 22 funerals with hearse,	66 00
Lewis A. Mann, for burial expenses of William B. Cook,	35 00

Paid Estate of O. C. Nelson, for money loaned		
the town,	\$450 00	
Estate of O. C. Nelson, for interest on		
money loaned the town,	51 04	
S. H. Chandler, for interest on money		
loaned the town,	37 00	
S. H. Chandler, for money loaned the		
town,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,221 96

ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1894.

Freeman H. Morse, over-valuation on personal		
and real estate,	\$5 63	
Thomas J. Andrews, for disability and pov-		
erty, poll tax and personal estate,	2 68	
Carrie Belcher and Nathan Burnham, personal		
estate, not liable,	6 90	
Dexter Berry, personal estate, poverty,	89	
Fred Grant, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
James Collins's heirs, real estate, error in assess-		
ment,	3 45	
Charles May, part of poll tax, disability and		
poverty,	1 30	
Martin Graffam, real estate,	2 30	
George A. Morrill, real estate, not liable,	58	
	<hr/>	\$26 23

1895.

W. L. Bennett, poll tax, over 70,	\$2 50	
George F. Berry, poll tax, disability and		
poverty,	2 50	
Dexter Berry, poll tax and personal estate,		
disability,	2 75	
Arthur Cobb, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50	
E. N. Cummings, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50	
Joseph O. Chapman, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Clarence Estes, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50	
Fred P. Grant, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	

Alonzo Larrabee, poll tax and personal estate, disability and poverty,	\$2 75	
Silas May, Jr., poll tax, disability and poverty,	2 50	
Norris G. Verrill, poll tax, not liable,	2 50	
Joseph Verrill, poll tax, disability and poverty,	2 50	
John Whitman, over 70,	2 50	
Stephen E. Witham, poll tax, over 70,	2 50	
Charles May, poll tax, disability and poverty,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$38 00
1896.		
C. P. & F. H. Chandler, over-valuation on lumber,		\$25 87

1897.

F. M. Thayer, for over-valuation on personal estate,	\$3 00	
S. H. Hurlbut, over-valuation on real estate,	3 60	
Charles B. Berry, over-valuation on real estate,	2 40	
W. Jordan & Co., over-valuation on personal estate,	21 00	
Enoch Fogg heirs, over-valuation on personal estate,	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$37 80

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Memorial Day expenses,	\$50 00
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CEMETERIES.

Paid W. Jordan & Co., for lumber for fence at Upper Corner,	\$4 42
James Stevens, for labor, 1896,	2 50
James Stevens, for labor, 1897,	1 00
James Stevens, for labor on fence,	5 00
James Stevens, for painting fence at Upper Corner,	24 96
A. W. Pierce, for painting fence at Upper Corner,	4 00
C. A. Winslow, for labor, 1896,	6 75
C. A. Winslow, for labor, 1897,	12 00

Paid W. S. Snow, for labor,	\$3 00	
H. Ward Johnson, for labor,	10 60	
George D. Field, for painting fence over the hill and at Lower Corner,	50 70	
	<hr/>	\$124 93

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, for books,	\$166 94	
H. G. Mank, for cash advanced to pay for papers,	2 75	
N. P. Haskell, for express,	1 95	
Helen A. Moseley, salary and cash paid out,	81 00	
A. S. Smith, for books,	16 65	
Thurston Print, for books,	21 50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, for books,	117 91	
American Express Co.,	15	
Mrs. H. L. Berry, for work on catalogue,	2 50	
Maine Central Railroad, for freight,	25	
W. W. Roberts, for Maine Reports to complete the set,	122 00	
Fred Haskell, for labor,	75	
	<hr/>	\$534 35

FINISHING TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Starbird & Bennett, for fixings for doors,	\$0 41
F. W. Winter, for lumber,	4 00
Alonzo Stevens, for painting,	20 59
B. D. Weymouth, for painting,	19 10
James Stevens, for painting,	16 12
E. M. Haskell, for labor,	13 60
C. A. Estes,	1 50
J. M. Thompson,	8 60
C. E. Thompson,	3 75
Ira S. Davis,	3 00
J. M. Davis,	3 00
George Young,	6 00
Burgess, Forbes & Co.,	2 38
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	9 08

Paid W. F. Hulitt, for making screens,	\$7 00	
C. H. Hodgdon, for setting steps,	36 00	
Starbird & Bennett, wire screen, etc.,	5 70	
Cook, Everett & Pennell,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$174 83

FURNISHING TOWN LIBRARY, 1896.

Paid Bradford & Conant, desk, table, etc.,	\$29 30	
Hodgkins, Foss & Adams,	3 90	
	<hr/>	\$33 20

TO KEEP SCHOOL PROPERTY IN REPAIR.

Paid F. W. Winter, for lumber, 1896,	\$6 92	
H. L. Berry, for painting,	7 13	
J. I. Sturgis, cash advanced to pay freight on school books,	10 51	
B. J. R. Small, repairing plastering,	3 80	
A. A. Hunnewell, for painting and repairs,	8 75	
Starbird & Bennett, for supplies,	4 16	
N. P. Haskell, for paint, oil, etc.,	25 06	
D. C. Heath & Co., for books,	43 00	
George W. Hatch, for cash paid out for repairs,	5 26	
Silver-Burdette Co., for books,	58 15	
American Book Co., for books,	82 85	
John A. Witham, for cleaning and papering Bald Hill school-house,	7 00	
Lewis E. Jordan, for supplies for Bald Hill school-house,	5 86	
George E. Thorn, for repairing plastering,	3 00	
Nelson Valentine, for labor,	3 56	
H. M. Harmon, for painting,	32 75	
B. D. Weymouth, for painting,	17 80	
James Stevens, for painting,	17 80	
Alonzo Stevens, for painting,	20 93	
J. S. True, for shingles,	17 20	
W. F. Hulitt, for labor and lumber,	22 50	
Cook, Everett & Pennell, lead and oil,	43 50	
	<hr/>	\$447 49

STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, balance due on		
1896 tax,	\$2,071 40	
State Treasurer, on 1897 tax,	55 55	
State Treasurer, on account of dog		
licenses,	115 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,241 95

COUNTY TAX.

Paid D. D. Chenery, county treasurer for	
1897,	\$1,240 00

FITTING UP PRIMARY SCHOOL ROOM, UPPER
CORNER.

Paid E. G. Robinson, for labor and material,	\$93 15	
L. L. Whitman, for carting and setting		
up furniture,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$98 65

TOWN TEAM.

Paid H. C. Allard, for 4 horses and 2 sets of		
double harnesses,	\$630 00	
N. P. Haskell, for blankets, halters, etc.,	29 75	
J. G. Bennett, cart wheels, axles, and		
tires,	48 34	
Rufus Skillings, for labor on dump cart,	12 00	
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber for cart,	5 01	
	<hr/>	\$725 10

SCHOOLS.

Paid for support of schools as per bills		
approved by supervisor for years 1894		
and 1895,	\$16 76	
Paid for support of schools as per bills		
approved by supervisor for year 1896,	264 06	
Paid for support of schools as per bills		
approved by supervisor for year 1897,	2,501 33	
	<hr/>	\$2,782 15

ROADS.

ROADS OF 1895.

Paid Jeremiah Edwards,	\$3 65	
H. E. Wilson,	7 00	
John A. Witham,	3 65	
S. L. Sawyer,	60	
S. W. & J. S. Ayer,	1 50	
Walter Brackett,	4 25	
Silas Edwards,	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$23 35

ROADS OF 1896.

Paid John H. Ward,	\$2 20
T. J. Greeley,	7 50
John F. McCann,	7 12
Harrison Edwards,	6 05
William F. Ayer,	5 00
W. L. Churchill,	2 87
John A. Witham,	7 25
Arthur L. Harmon,	1 80
J. G. Bennett,	2 45
G. Z. Benson,	68
Frank Thurlow,	5 15
J. A. Tufts,	9 55
John H. Ward,	4 57
E. J. Mitchell,	9 02
F. C. Marston,	1 50
J. B. Hammond,	18 30
H. V. Blake,	7 58
W. H. H. Snow,	1 75
F. H. Morse,	13 05
G. S. Wilson,	3 30
C. E. Libby,	4 96
Thurlow & Verrill,	6 28
C. H. Nelson,	1 95
E. M. Morgan,	5 10
Joseph Hellen,	2 77
P. H. Hubbard,	6 75
J. W. Sawyer,	9 70

Paid E. P. Blake,	\$19 58
Nath. Rideout,	4 65
John S. Snow,	8 20
J. O. Small,	21 85
J. L. Megquier,	9 45
C. G. Ward,	2 51
C. M. Morgan,	1 80
G. H. Clark,	1 05
H. H. Sawyer,	1 75
Samuel Hicks,	5 75
A. A. Hunnewell,	75
J. K. Gould,	1 05
C. B. Staples,	1 50
S. C. Bickford,	4 35
Jeremiah May,	3 10
O. C. Nelson,	2 57
F. W. Winter,	18 06
Walter Brackett,	7 65
J. F. Strout,	1 75
A. H. Merrill,	12 00
J. H. Briggs,	1 70
C. F. Plummer,	1 65
J. C. Hammond,	15 00
Alvin Brown,	1 05
Elbridge True,	1 10
John Strout,	75
S. L. Sawyer,	1 65
Albert Morrill,	75
C. A. Densmore,	1 50
D. N. Jordan,	88
Eben Snow,	2 10
Jabez True,	30
F. W. Berry,	6 05
Bloomville Strout,	75
F. W. York,	1 10
Geo. W. Plummer,	3 20
W. Scott Snow,	2 93
W. F. Cobb,	1 50
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	\$327 53

ROADS OF 1897.

Paid F. W. Berry, for hay,	\$3 46
F. W. Berry, for rent of stable,	13 50
J. L. Megquier, labor,	5 25
Wm. Taylor, repairing harnesses,	1 75
J. S. True, grain for town team,	84 05
Frank Merrill,	117 00
T. J. Greeley,	51 75
Starbird & Bennett, supplies,	31 80
Herman Emery,	21 00
Frank C. Marston,	127 87
Ernest K. Johnson,	214 50
Samuel L. Harmon,	89 25
J. C. Hammond,	39 75
A. G. Merrill & Son, for lumber,	30 45
W. O. Ryder, labor,	7 00
F. H. Morse, for hay,	14 00
Dexter Berry, labor,	2 46
C. G. Ward, for hay,	21 75
J. W. Sawyer, for labor,	8 40
H. V. Blake,	255 00
C. H. Mitchell, road machine repairs,	11 00
N. P. Haskell, supplies,	17 23
E. P. Blake, for lumber,	34 38
W. W. Perley, labor,	3 15
Walter Brackett, supplies,	1 29
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	67 76
F. W. Berry, for use of cart,	9 00
James Stevens, for labor,	4 72
C. B. Staples, for shoeing and jobbing,	11 92
E. S. Swan, for labor,	13 35
Herman McIntyre,	25 50
E. M. Haskell,	1 35
Clark Merrill, for lumber,	13 56
J. C. Hammond, for gravel,	4 80
M. R. Berry, for hay,	10 44
C. L. Stinchfield, for straw,	4 65
J. V. Huston, for hay,	14 98

Paid E. P. Blake, services as Road Commissioner,	\$245 00	
H. V. Blake, for hay,	5 11	
John Embleton, for labor and use of horses,	49 50	
E. P. Blake, for painting road machine,	5 00	
S. F. Sweetsir, for cash advanced to pay for public watering tubs,	33 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,726 68

RECEIPTS AS PER TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total amount of receipts for the year 1897,	\$15,379 47
Total expenditures for 1897,	\$15,186 43
Balance in hand of treasurer,	193 04
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	\$15,379 47

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Balance in hand of treasurer,	\$193 04
Amount due from P. A. Coller, collector for year 1894,	7 57
Amount due from P. A. Coller, collector for year 1895,	74 19
Amount due from S. F. Sweetsir, collector for year 1896,	206 75
Amount due from S. F. Sweetsir, collector for year 1897,	4,031 97
State school fund and mill tax, due January 1, 1898 (estimated),	825 00
Due from State on account of State pension paid out,	276 00
Due from State on account of dog licenses,	105 00
Due from New Gloucester school fund, April 23, 1898,	233 41
Due from George E. Whitman Post, for use of hall,	3 50
Due from the town of Gray on account of paupers,	79 00

Due from the town of Poland on account of paupers,	\$8 00	
Due from the town of Casco on account of paupers,	3 00	
Due from the town of Raymond on account of paupers,	156 10	
Due from the city of Auburn on account of paupers,	2 35	
Due from the city of Portland on account of paupers,	6 00	
Due from the town of Lisbon on account of paupers,	10 00	
Due from the town of Poland for tuition of scholars for 1897,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,233 88

LIABILITIES.

Amount due the schools, March 2, 1898,	\$517 73	
Collector's fees for the year 1897,	236 89	
Town officers' bills (estimated),	400 00	
Outstanding road bills (estimated),	1,091 00	
Other outstanding bills (estimated),	50 00	
Amount due on State tax, 1897,	2,465 93	
Outstanding order,	3 00	
Balance in favor of town,	1,469 33	
	<hr/>	\$6,233 88

SCHOOLS.

Amount paid for support of schools as approved by supervisor,	\$2,782 15	
Unexpended balance,	517 73	
	<hr/>	\$3,299 88
Unexpended balance, March 2, 1897,	\$650 33	
Town appropriation,	1,600 00	
State school fund and mill tax due January 1, 1897,	813 00	
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1897,	225 05	
Received from the town of Gray for the tuition of scholars,	11 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,299 88

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

EMERY S. SWAN, AGENT.

	Dr.	
To Agent's salary,	\$350 00	
William H. Dunphe, for set of double har-		
nesses,	40 00	
F. M. Thayer, for testing cows,	3 03	
Supplies furnished and labor employed,	386 27	
Value of oats less than last year,	17 50	
Value of provisions less than last year,	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$807 80

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By product from the cows, cream,	\$469 53	
Estimated cream, to February 20, 1898,	44 50	
Value of calves sold,	45 24	
Hogs and pork sold,	40 45	
Other sales from the farm,	9 17	
Labor on the roads,	13 35	
Work done off the farm,	45 00	
Value of stock more than last year,	50 00	
Value of tools more than last year,	30 00	
Two weeks' board of Greeley Farrar, and		
transportation to station,	7 00	
<i>Balance against the farm,</i>	53 56	
	<hr/>	\$807 80

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND SUPPLIES ON THE FARM.

One horse, 11 cows, 1 two-year-old heifer, 2 yearling heifers, 2 hogs, 10 hens, 35 cords wood, 40 tons ice, 24 bushels beans, 300 pounds pork, 50 bushels potatoes, 33 tons hay.

There are now three inmates on the farm, Fred Plummer, Jabez Carpenter, and Sawyer Harris.

We have always found everything about the farm in good condition, the inmates well cared for, and the stock kept in good working order, as the product from the cows will show.

We have employed Luther Thurlow to manage the farm for the ensuing year at a salary of \$300.

GENERAL REMARKS.

With the exception of bills for medical attendance the pauper expenses have been quite small. We have received notice from the town of Winslow that a Mrs. H. O. Spaulding and several minor children were on expense there, claiming to have derived a settlement from John P. Higgins. Their settlement has been denied, and if the claim is pushed it will probably be necessary to take the case into court.

The town-house has been painted and the guide-boards thoroughly repaired, painted, and lettered, and the necessary expense taken from the contingent fund.

All interest orders have been paid and the town is now entirely out of debt and with quite a balance standing to its credit, with all of its property in good repair. We have been unable to find the original "Proprietors' Records;" the nearest we have got to it was a copy of a copy, and before using such material we would recommend that more time be granted and a more thorough search be made for the original papers. In accordance with your vote at the last annual meeting the Selectmen united with the Road Commissioner and purchased a team of four horses, two sets of harnesses, 1 cart, blankets, whiffletrees, etc., at an expense of \$760.25.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. TRUE,

JAMES M. THOMPSON,

REUEL W. FOGG,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Received from :	DR.
1897.		
Feb. 25.	Seth F. Sweetsir, treasurer, 1896,	\$330 51
Mar. 8.	Town of Casco,	6 00
	Town of Raymond,	74 90
Mar. 23.	J. M. Thompson, for lumber of library building,	4 13
Mar. 25.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1896,	400 00
Apr. 20.	State treasurer, on account of dog licenses for 1896,	55 55
Apr. 23.	S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	500 00
	Town of Yarmouth on account of paupers,	16 58
May 10.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1896,	412 52
May 15.	C. N. Fogg, treasurer of school fund,	100 00
May 24.	Hiram Sawyer, for lot in cemetery on the hill,	10 00
	W. F. Hulit, tax and expense against farm of A. Buck,	8 01
May 27.	Town of Raymond, for pauper expenses paid out,	111 25
July 1.	H. D. Penney, for lot in cemetery on the hill,	10 00
July 2.	S. H. Chandler, money loaned the town,	500 00
July 3.	State treasurer, amount due on account public library,	33 09
July 12.	B. D. Weymouth, for laths,	66
	State treasurer, on account of state pensions paid out, 1896,	264 00
	State treasurer, school fund and mill tax, 1896,	813 00
Oct. 1.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1896,	510 00
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	1,280 00
	Harriet Soper, for lot in cemetery at Upper Gloucester,	10 00

Oct. 15.	Helen A. Moseley, fines collected and catalogues sold,	\$5 45
Oct. 22.	C. N. Fogg, treasurer of school fund,	125 05
Nov. 20.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	1,367 79
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1896,	1,158 12
Dec. 20.	State Treasurer, state aid for public library,	32 00
Dec. 28.	State treasurer, for damage to sheep by dogs,	20 00
Dec. 28.	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	1,200 00
1898.		
Jan. 4.	State treasurer, on account of railroad and telegraph tax,	714 94
Jan. 1.	State treasurer, burial of William M. Cook,	35 00
Feb. 1.	Seth F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	944 39
Feb. 8.	Town of Brunswick, for supplies furnished Moses Freeman,	5 00
Feb. 17.	Town of Gray, for tuition of pupils (C. H. Lane),	11 50
Feb. 23.	George E. Whitman Post, G. A. R., for use of hall to March 1, 1897,	16 00
Feb. 24.	P. A. Collier, collector, 1894,	125 49
	P. A. Collier, collector, 1895,	140 90
Feb. 28.	Town of Poland, for supplies furnished Charles E. Knight,	19 10
Mar. 1.	J. W. True, guardian for Thomas J. Brackett,	133 88
Mar. 2.	Nathaniel Eveleth, for land known as the Cyrus Larrabee farm,	40 00
	P. A. Collier, collector, 1894,	27 35
	P. A. Collier, collector, 1895,	38 00
	M. W. Bennett, for use of town hall,	28 00
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	2,967 66
	E. S. Swan, for supplies sold from the town farm,	236 47
	Town of Yarmouth, for supplies furnished Greeley Farrar,	8 90

Mar. 3.	N. P. Haskell, for dog licenses for the year 1897,	\$115 00
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1896,	328 16
	E. P. Blake, for use of town team,	25 00
	Helen A. Moseley, fines collected and catalogues sold,	7 50
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	14 40
	S. F. Sweetsir, collector, 1897,	38 22
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		\$15,379 47

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By town orders taken up,	\$15,186 43	
Cash in treasury, March 2, 1898,	193 04	
	<hr/>	\$15,379 47

SETH F. SWEETSIR, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Appropriation by town,	\$372 00	
Appropriation by state,	65 09	
Unexpended balance of 1896,	6 22	
Fines collected and catalogues sold,	12 95	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Helen A. Moseley, librarian,	\$80 00	
Incidentals,	1 00	
Rebinding books,	20 00	
Thurston Print, for cards,	2 75	
Express, freight, etc.,	3 70	
Catalogue supplement, not reported in		
1896,	1 25	
For books,	306 36	
Outstanding bill for books, and books ordered		
but not received (estimated),	41 00	
Unexpended balance,	20	
	<hr/>	\$456 26

All missing volumes of Maine Reports have been purchased, so that now we have a complete set. There are in all 2,792 volumes in the library, including books ordered but not yet received. The past year the library has been used perhaps more than any previous year. There seems to be an increasing appreciation of its value.

HERBERT G. MANK,
JOHN I. STURGIS,
MRS. C. V. BERRY,

Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND.

From April 23, 1897, to April 23, 1898.

Amount secured by mortgage on real estate,	\$2,378 00
Amount of bank stock,	1,837 50
Amount in savings bank,	238 30
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	\$4,453 80

Amount due the town April 23, 1897,	\$225 05
Amount paid town treasurer,	225 05
Amount due the town April 23, 1898,	\$233 41

C. N. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

NEW GLOUCESTER, February 28, 1898.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE EZRA TOBIE FUND.

Amount received from the fund,	\$30 00
Paid to the poor on the town farm,	\$3 00
Paid to the poor not on the farm,	27 00
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	\$30 00

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

From March 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898.

BIRTHS.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.
March 8.	Philip H. Hubbard.	Philip H. Hubbard. Katie M. Hurd.
March 8.	Harvey Melville Tufts.	Frank M. Tufts. Eliza J. Ward.
March 15.	Ernest Simpson Snow.	W. Scott Snow. Alice M. Stoddard.
March 19.	Ernest May.	James May. Maggie Costello.
March 26.	Sumner Wardwell Jordan.	Harris W. Jordan. Estella A. Cromwell.
March 27.	Mary Gerry.	Harrison S. Gerry. Sarah J. Searles.
April 6.	Chenery F. Thurlow.	Frank L. Thurlow. Allura P. Verrill.
April 27.	Nettie Hodgkins.	Melvin Hodgkins. Eliza J. Farwell.
May 15.	Arthur Wesley Rice.	Ernest W. Rice. Lena M. Getchell.
May 18.	Joseph Albert Johnston.	William Johnston. Susie Hammond.
May 25.	Lucy Etta Tripp.	Robert Tripp. Achsa A. Nash.
July 2.	Helen Isabelle Spiller.	George E. Spiller. Harriet Tripp.
July 27.	Estella Nelson.	George B. Nelson. Luella Greeley.
August 8.	Edmund Arthur Hachey.	William E. Hachey. Mamie Garvin.
August 10.	Eugene Humphrey.	John W. Humphrey. Lottie M. Sawyer.
August 25.	Mellen Paine Cushman.	Jabez H. Cushman. Eva F. Morse.
September 28.	Arthur Miller May.	Orville S. May. Mary Strout.

October 5.	Emma Viola Tufts.	James A. Tufts. Kate M. Dutton.
November 20.	Gertrude B. Musgrove.	Frederick M. Musgrove. Hattie L. Davison.
November 28.	Ella Mabry Ryder.	William O. Ryder. Ada B. Morse.
December 3.	Arthur Harrison Edwards.	Harrison Edwards. Flora E. Rowe.
December 9.	Estella Dolloff.	Cuvier Dolloff. Orra Blake.
January 1 (1898).	Jennie May.	Silas May, Jr. Alice M. Thurlow.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. HASKELL, *Town Clerk.*

NECROLOGY.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Years.	Months.	Days.
1897—March 7.	Deborah B. Eveleth,	87	9	21
March 25.	Enoch Fogg.	80	2	23
April 4.	Arvilla T. Bagley.	78	—	10
April 15.	Otis C. Nelson.	71	2	20
April 23.	Frank O. Rollins.	31	7	5
May 7.	Evelina D. Bennett.	29	1	7
May 19.	Gertrude B. Musgrove.	1		-9
June 1.	Daniel Merrill.	81	2	6
June 3.	James R. Cripps.	55	2	9
June 4.	Georgiana R. Darrington.	14	8	25
June 23.	Chenery F. Thurlow.		2	17
July 13.	Benjamin McIntire.	67	8	1
August 13.	Mark F. Jordan.	49	4	13
August 20.	Ephraim Hilton.	89	7	
September 19.	Emily Etta Edwards.	2	7	16
October 19.	Arthur Miller May.			21
November 1.	Sarah R. Jordan.	64	6	21
November 3.	William B. Cook.	64	4	30
November 8.	Joseph G. Bennett.	75	2	
1898—January 3.	Eliza E. Dawes.	86	8	19
January 4.	Ammi Greeley Cutler.	83	4	12
January 20.	Sarah Foster Milliken.	67	4	29
February 3.	Nathaniel True.	86	5	
February 9.	Thomas E. Noyes.	84	2	6
February 16.	Thomas J. Dawes.	90	6	19

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. HASKELL, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester:

The following report of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1898, is respectfully submitted :

Number of children in the town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, April 1, 1897,	335
Whole number attending summer schools,	181
Average number attending summer schools,	158
Whole number attending fall schools,	190
Average number attending fall schools,	163
Whole number attending winter schools,	183
Average number attending winter schools,	155

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended March 1, 1897,	\$650 53
Amount raised by vote of town,	1,600 00
Amount raised from State school fund and mill tax,	813 00
Amount received from New Gloucester school fund,	225 05
Amount received from town of Gray for tuition,	11 50
Amount received from town of Poland,	13 00
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	\$3,313 08

EXPENDITURES.

Bills unpaid March 1, 1897,	\$280 82
Teachers' wages for summer schools,	773 00
Teachers' wages for fall schools,	763 00
Teachers' wages for winter schools,	790 00
Conveyance of pupils,	203 50
Paid town of Raymond for tuition,	12 78
Paid town of Durham for tuition,	11 00
Paid for care of school-houses,	73 80
Wood for 1898 (estimated),	150 00
Balance unexpended,	255 18
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	\$3,313 08

The general condition of the schools has been improved during the past year.

The work, taken as a whole, has been of excellent quality, but it should be remembered in estimating the character of the work done in our schools, that due allowance must always be made for the limitations imposed on it by the deficiencies of our school system.

Conscientious effort has been made to secure the very best teachers within our means, for so long as supervision is insufficient and classification faulty and irregular, only the best qualified teachers can show results that are even reasonably satisfactory. Several changes in teachers have occurred during the year, yet they have been unavoidable, and in most instances much to be regretted.

One teacher resigned her position on account of ill health, and in nearly every case the teachers who left us did so for the purpose of occupying better positions or to take up more advantageous lines of work. The improvement that might be made in our schools by better classification, has been very clearly shown in one of them during the past year. In accordance with a suggestion made in the report of last year, the town voted relief to the unfavorable conditions then existing in the Upper Corner School, and it was thereby made possible to divide the school into a primary and a grammar grade. The gain made by this change has been evident to the most casual observation, and I wish here to express the great gratification afforded me in the knowledge that the change made in this school and the work accomplished in it, have been so thoroughly appreciated by the parents and citizens of that district. I recommend that the division and gradation of this school be continued for the coming year, and as the room that has been occupied by the primary grade can be obtained for a rental of \$25 per year, it is probable that no more economical arrangement than this can be made.

Interest in the schools, I am pleased to say, has not been confined to one locality, but an increased, and, it seems to me, unusual interest in, and appreciation of the work done in the schools, has been expressed by parents and citizens in different sections of the town. An awakened and growing interest in the schools is good guaranty of their future improvement, and I trust the time is near at hand when the people will demand a decided change in their management, and in the character of work done in them.

We must abandon the idea that the schools are good enough. Nearly every school in which unsatisfactory work was done during the past year could have been greatly improved had teacher and pupils been strictly held to a well-defined course of study, and still more could there have been that general oversight and assistance which adequate supervision is designed to give.

We have had a course of study for fifteen years, but it has been practically a dead letter, and must continue so until superintendent and teachers work together to carry out its provisions.

It would seem almost superfluous to enter into the reasons why more supervision is necessary; but I will call your attention in the first place to the additional time and care required in connection with free text-books. I am convinced that there could be a material saving in expense if a proper registry were made of all books given out, and account kept of all losses and unnecessary injury to books. It should also be required of the teacher to take such care and keep such record of books as would permit a pupil to retain each new book given him until he has completed the same. Thus any pupil, careful of his books, would not be compelled to use those worn or soiled by others, and the careless pupil would, in some measure, suffer penalty for carelessness.

Secondly, consolidation of schools, which has been made necessary in several districts by the reduced number of pupils, demands additional service on the part of the Superintendent, since it devolves upon that officer to make all arrangements in regard to the conveyance of pupils. Also a more careful examination of teachers is now required than was formerly the case. But a more cogent reason than any of these already mentioned is found in the fact that there is an increasing demand, nowhere more pronounced than in our own state, perhaps, that the ungraded school shall be included in the improved plans and methods that are now receiving the attention of educators throughout the country, and efficient supervision seems to be the open door through which the ungraded school can take its place in the line of progress.

It is my opinion that the town would be amply repaid in the results obtained if a competent person should be fairly paid for such supervision as would strictly hold teachers and pupils to a well-prepared course of study, compel the full school attendance required by the laws of the state, attend to the proper examination of all candidates for the position of teacher in the town, and give such attention and oversight to the details of school work as is required in any adequate system of superintendence. The duties of such superintendence might well require the whole time of a superintendent during the school year; and the expense of such oversight need not be greater than that required for one additional thoroughly competent and experienced teacher.

In conclusion I would again recommend for your consideration some consolidation of schools. Its importance has been recognized by the state, legislation having made consolidation compulsory when-

ever the number of pupils in any school becomes reduced to specified limits. We know that our smaller schools labor under disadvantages that do not exist in the larger ones. It is plainly the duty of the town, so far as may be practicable, to equalize the opportunities offered for the education of our children, and since consolidation will be found to be largely to the advantage of the smaller districts, it offers, I think, the only efficient remedy for the inequalities now existing. When the parents in these districts, recognizing the value of consolidation, shall demand it of the town as that which is justly their due, I believe the town will be ready to grant it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. STURGIS,

Superintendent of Schools.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To SETH F. SWEETSIR, Constable of the Town of New Gloucester,
in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town-House in said town, on the fourteenth day of March, A.D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 9th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school property in repair.

ARTICLE 10th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the cemeteries in repair.

ARTICLE 11th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to support the Public Library.

ARTICLE 12th.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the management of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see what action the town will take to provide a school-room for Primary School at Upper Corner, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to authorize its school committee to unite with other towns in employing a superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to establish a school in District No. 12 (Penney Road).

ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to sell the town team.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see if the town will vote to erect a building on the Town-House lot for the storage of wood for the use of the Town-House and Public Library, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to put an addition on the Town-House suitable for a store-room for wood, road machine, and town tools, and available to enlarge the town hall, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a winter hearse, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

JOHN W. TRUE,
JAMES M. THOMPSON,
REUEL W. FOGG,

Selectmen of New Gloucester.

